

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	: Inose, et al.
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Examiner	: Angela Marie Bertagna
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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION****Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of U.S. Application No. 10/553,376. In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2009, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following arguments and inventor Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 .

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.